

In the Claims:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented) A method for forming an integrated circuit device, comprising:

forming a trench in an integrated circuit substrate to define an active region of the integrated circuit device;

forming a first insulating layer in the trench to a height providing an exposed upper portion on opposing sidewalls of the trench;

forming a silicon layer on the integrated circuit substrate and extending over an edge of one of the sidewalls of the trench and along at least a portion of the exposed upper portion of the one of the sidewalls to define an overhang that provides an increased area for the corresponding defined active region of the integrated circuit device; and

forming a second insulating layer adjacent the silicon layer and extending across at least a portion of the trench to define an isolation region.

13. (Previously presented) A method for forming an integrated circuit device, comprising:

forming a trench in an integrated circuit substrate to define an active region of the integrated circuit device;

forming a first insulating layer in the trench to a height providing an exposed upper portion on opposing sidewalls of the trench;

forming a silicon layer on the integrated circuit substrate and extending over an edge of one of the sidewalls of the trench and along at least a portion of the exposed upper portion of the one of the sidewalls;

forming a second insulating layer adjacent the silicon layer and extending across at least a portion of the trench to define an isolation region; and

wherein the step of forming the silicon layer comprises the step of forming the silicon layer on the integrated circuit substrate and extending over an edge of each of the sidewalls of the trench and along at least a portion of the exposed upper portion of each of the sidewalls

and wherein the step of forming a second insulating layer comprises the step of forming the second insulating layer extending across the trench between the portions of the silicon layer extending over the edges.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 13 wherein the silicon layers are epitaxial growth layers.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein the step of forming a first insulating layer further comprises the step of forming the first insulating layer to provide the upper portions of the sidewalls, along which the epitaxial growth layers extend, a length between about 400 and about 1000 Angstroms.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein the first and second insulating layers comprise the same material.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein the first insulating layer comprises a high-density plasma (HDP) oxide layer and the second insulating layer comprises a polysilazane oxide layer.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein the step of forming a first insulating layer further comprises the step of forming the first insulating layer to provide the upper portions of the sidewalls, along which the epitaxial growth layers extend, a length selected to be greater than a depth to which devices are to be formed in the active region.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 14 further comprising:
forming a thermal oxide layer along the sidewalls of the trench between the integrated circuit substrate and the second insulating layer; and
forming a liner between the thermal oxide layer and the second insulating layer.

20-35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently amended) The method of claim 38 ~~[[35]]~~, wherein forming the trench comprises:

sequentially depositing a pad oxide layer and a mask layer on the semiconductor substrate;

 patterning predetermined portions of the mask layer and the pad oxide layer; and

 forming a trench by etching the semiconductor substrate to a predetermined depth using the patterned mask layer and the patterned pad oxide layer as an etching mask.

37. (Canceled).

38. (Currently amended) A ~~[[The]]~~ method of claim 37, for manufacturing a semiconductor device comprising:

forming a trench on a semiconductor substrate to define an active region on which devices will be formed;

forming a first insulating layer such that a predetermined thickness of the trench is filled with the first insulating layer;

forming selective epitaxial growth (SEG) layers by growing the exposed surface of the active region and the sidewalls of the trench to a predetermined thickness;

filling a space between the SEG layers formed at the sidewalls of the trench with a second insulating layer;

forming a thermal oxide layer at the sidewalls of the trench; and

forming a liner on the thermal oxide layer between the step of forming the trench and the step of forming the first insulating layer;

 wherein forming the first insulating layer comprises:

 depositing the first insulating layer such that the trench is sufficiently filled with the first insulating layer;

 chemically and mechanically polishing the mask layer, the pad oxide layer, and the first insulating layer so that the surface of the semiconductor substrate is exposed; and

etching the first insulating layer to a predetermined depth such that the upper sidewalls of the trench are exposed,

wherein in etching the first insulating layer, predetermined portions of the thermal oxide layer and the liner are etched.

39. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein the first insulating layer is etched by wet etching.

40. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein the first insulating layer is etched by as much as the depth to which devices will be formed.

41. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein the first insulating layer is etched by about 400 – 1000 Å.

42. (Currently amended) The method of claim 38 ~~[[35]]~~ further comprising:
annealing the semiconductor substrate in a hydrogen atmosphere between etching the first insulating layer and forming the SEG layers or between forming the SEG layers and filling the space between the SEG layers formed at the sidewalls of the trench.

43. (Original) The method of claim 42 further comprising forming a thermal oxide layer over the entire surface of the semiconductor substrate after annealing the semiconductor substrate in a hydrogen atmosphere.

44. (Currently amended) A ~~[[The]]~~ method of claim 35, for manufacturing a semiconductor device comprising:
forming a trench on a semiconductor substrate to define an active region on which devices will be formed;
forming a first insulating layer such that a predetermined thickness of the trench is filled with the first insulating layer;

forming selective epitaxial growth (SEG) layers by growing the exposed surface of the active region and the sidewalls of the trench to a predetermined thickness; and

filling a space between the SEG layers formed at the sidewalls of the trench with a second insulating layer; and

wherein filling the space between the SEG layers with the second insulating layer comprises:

depositing a fluid oxide layer so that the space between the SEG layers is sufficiently filled with the fluid oxide layer;

heat-treating the fluid oxide layer so that the density of the fluid oxide layer is improved; and

etching back the fluid oxide layer.

45. (Original) The method of claim 44, wherein the fluid oxide layer is a polysilazane oxide layer.